# Football—Its Dangers and Its Victims—Legislatures Against the Game—The Changes Needed.

have been reported 135 minor casualties. The record covers the first part of this soumon and the latter part of last.

The "rush," the "scrimmage." the "mass" playing, the meeting of brute force with brute force, and the struggles in which weight of matter, power of tendons and strength of frame count for victory, and in which science, skill and dexterity of mind and motion are the least potent factors, are responsible for the result.

In Georgia a state law has been passed prohibiting the playing of football. In Illinois active steps have been taken by opporents of the sport to secure prohibitory legislation. In several other states the matter is being agitated. The governor of Arkansas in a letter to the president of the state university at Fayetteville strongly condemns the sport as brutal and recommends that there be a stop put altogether to the playing of the game by the students of the university.

In proportion to the number of football teams in the West to those in the East the casualities in the West are far more rumerous, says the New York World. The men are naturally rougher players, and the game being comparatively new there, science cuts but a spectral figure.

Some idea of the Western game is given by the World's correspondent at Denver, Cel., who prefaced his dispatch containing the list of injured in this way:

"The number of injuries cited below do not represent one-twentieth of the accidents which happened to players during the season of 1896, "On October 8, 1896, in the game between the Denver Athletic team and the Kansas university eleven, Mosse, a Kansas player, deliberately fell on John Good with his knees after Good had called down." Good was carried from the game with the life rearly crushed out of him and was ill for several days.

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"During the same game 'Donnybrook Fair' tactics were used throughout. In the first minute of the play Harry Heller emerged from a scrimmage with blood streaming from his mouth, where he had been hit by a Kansas fist. Slugging was so common in the first half or this game that the umpire had to overlook it altogether to keep enough men in the game. Several times players on top of the scrimmages were seen viciously to lunge underneath, where it was supposed a head or stomach should be."

The following are the accidents that have been reported during the past week alone: Martin Wheelock, right tackle, and Da-vid MacFarland, right halfback, two of the Valleys who played in the Brown-Carlisle Martin Wheelock, right tackle, and David MacFarland, right halfback, two of the Indians who played in the Brown-Carlisle game on Manhattan field, N. Y., Saturday afternoon, were badly hurt, and were taken from the grounds to Bellevue hospital in ambulances during the progress of the game. Wheelock plunged headlong into a mass play against him. When the heap was entangled he tried to rise but was helpless. An examination showed that his shoulder was dislocated and perhaps broken. MacFarland was taken to the hospital with a badly sprained ankle.

The athletic department of Delaware college longs to have the college eleven stay in the field and strive for football honors, but in view of the fact that every player on the team is suffering from a broken leg, toe, nose, or collar bone, it cannot see how it can do so. Therefore it has wisely, but reluctantly, decided to dishand the football team, and has canceled all games that it has ahead. Five of the players are so badly injured about the legs, shoulders and face that they will have to wear splints and use canes and crutches for several weeks. The athletic department will have the appearance of a hospital until after Christmas.

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A Girard student's leg was broken during a practice game of football last Salurday. As soon as the president learned of the accident he issued an order prohibiting any more games.

Loomis, Minnesota's fullback and mainstay punter, received a broken ankle in the game between the University of Michigan and the University of Michigan and the University of Minnesota at Detroit last Saturday.

Four men had to retire from the Harvard-Yale game at Cambridge Saturday on account of injuries. Warren dislocated his shoulder, and thus Harvard probably loses one of her two best ground gainers. Captain Cabot's weak leg, which hindered him so much in the play, was put back again into splints and handages, and he resumed his crutches. Haskell was not seriously injured, but had simply been "done up." Donald's injury was the expected accentuation of the last year's injury, whice has been giving him trouble again for the past few weeks. Swain injured his leg, which was already weakened.

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In a football game between Hughes high school and Walnut Hills high school. Cincinnati. O., there was a riotous free fight. One player was laid out unconscious for several minutes from a blow on the head by a fence board: another got a broken nose from a brickbat, while a great many came off with black eyes and bruised heads.

A special from Stoneham, Mass., to the Chicago Tribune says:

This town is in a state of mind to-day

probably and its likely to prohibit it altogether. The death of Eddie Funcham has awakened parents to a responsible for the Research and the strength of the s

of players dispersed. He had been stunned by his fall.

An ambulance was called from Fordham hospital. Dr. Ronaine, who responded, found that his collarbone was fractured and that he had sustained severe bruises about the body and head.

A special from Cambridge, Mass., says: Haughton started in at fullback, but was hurt early in the game and Mills was put in his place.

Dibble's ribs received a minute examination last night, and no crack was discovered. This leaves Forbes to select a running mate for Dibblee. It is doubtful now if Warren will be in shape by Saturday, as his shoulder is not making the best of progress. Swain's lego will undoubtedly be well.

Captain Cabot still hobbles about painfully on crutches, and though he will probably be in condition by Saturday Forbes will think twice before playing any more invalids. Cabot was far from a success last Saturday, and Richardson has now been playing left end as Cabot's substitute instead of taking Moulton's place. Richardson is undoubtedly Harvard's best substitute end, and will be able to play a better game than Captain Cabot, handicapped by a weak knee, put up against Yale.

From a report of Yale practice games at New Haven the following is taken: Glimoro and Durston, the halves of scrubs, were hurt and obliged to quit the game. This is the first time Durston has been cut since his scholarship conditions were removed. He was looked upon as a sure cancidate for half back, and might have been made first substitute but for his injury to-day.

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The worst accident of the practice season happened to Hugh Auchincloss of New York city. He was practicing on the freshman eleven, of which he is the leading halfback, and was struck on the head while lying prostrated, by a fellow player's boot. His forehead was badly bruised and he was knecked unconscious. He recovered, but it is feared that he will be unable to p'ay again this season.

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Dead, 13.

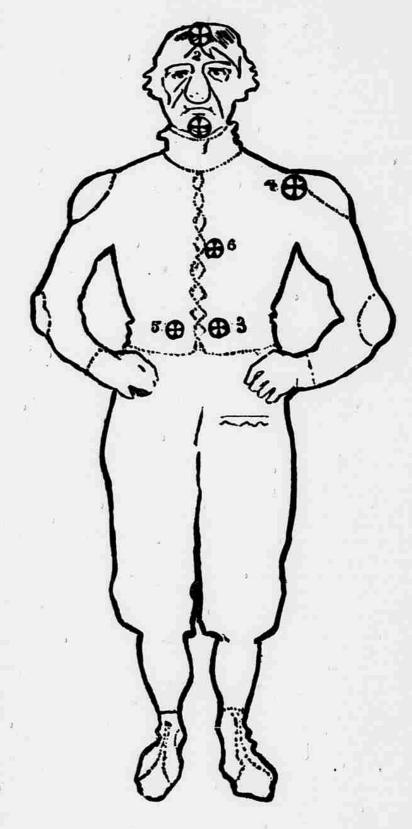
Maimed, 23.

Seriously injured, 126.
Minor casualties, 135.

Dead.

BOWLES, SHRUE, Louisville, Ky.—Internal injury from kick in the side, October 13, 1896.
CORDONA. LOUIS—Died of fractured skull at Bayonne, N. J., October 24, 1897.
Was dodging and ran into a tree.
GRANGE, ROBERT, Swickley, Pa.—Concussion of brain, October 26, 1897.
HACHE, ANDREW—Died of broken back.
Played on Yorkville team at Astoria, L.
L., October 24, 1897. Was crushed in a scrimmage. I., October 24, 1897. Was crushed in a scrimmage.
KAPP, JOSEPH, Brooklyn—Hemorrhage of lungs, November 14, 1896.
KEATING, W. J.—Fatally injured in practice game of North Homestead (Pa.) eleven on election day. Fell on ball, opposing players pilling on top of him. Died November 10, 1897, from internal injuries. PRINCE. —, lieutenant, West Point—Internal injuries in game with Annapolis cadets, November, 1896, at Annapolis. Died from injuries. ternal injuries in game with Annapolis Died from injuries, RICHEY, BERT-Injured internally November 7 and died November 19. Member of the New Haven team; played against the Scottdale high school team at Scottdale, Pa. Was crushed in a scrimmage. RICH, BENJAMIN-22 years, of Bellwood, Pa.-Tyrone-Altoona game at Altoona October 16, 1897. Caught in scrimmage. Weight of players on his body affected heart. Dropped dead on field.
RUE, WILLIAM L., Brooklyn-Bursting of blood vessel. November 25, 1895.
SERF, BERT, quarterback, Doane college-Skull fractured November 14, 1896, in game with Kansas university at Lawreck at Casino Beach, October 26, 1897. VON GAMMON, RICHARD-Died of concussion of the brain October 20, 1897, at Atlanta, Ga, Member of Georgia football team, Game with University of Virginia.

HOW HARVARD'S PLAYERS WERE INJURED.



1. Haskell hurt on chin.
2. Moulton slightly hurt on head.
3. Haskell's wind knocked out.
In this figure, which is from the New York World, is shown how the Harvard players were injured in their last game with Yale. It represents the character of the injuries received in most of the games.

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Robert Grange was in a scrimmage, and when the players had separated it was found that his skull was fractured.

Another case of concussion of the brain was that of Richard Von Gammon. In the second half of the game he was tackled and thrown violently to the ground. He arose only to go down again under his opponents, and his death was the result.

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fierce tackle. When overpowered by numbers he was hurled to the ground, and
literally had the life crushed out of him.

Maimed. ARMSTRONG, H. C.-Spine injured. Prac ARMSTRONG, H. C.—Spine Injurea. Prac-tice game, Princeton, November 1, 1897. Neck was badly twisted. BLAIR, FRANK, 7-year-old boy—Spine In-jured, will probably die. Played make-be-lieve game at Pittsburg, Pa., November 4, 1897. Other children fell on him in a scrimmage. Doctors say he cannot re-cover.

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BENEDICT, YEDDO—Knee cap dislocated. Ohio State University-University of West Virginia game November 6, 1897. Feared that stiff knee will result.

BOURE, of Harvard—Dangerously ruptured blood vessel, October 19, 1887.

BRANDENBURG, C. A.—Piece of bone broken off his left elbow. Denver Wheel Club-Colorado State School of Mines game, November 2, 1897. Arm will never be strong again.

BROWN.——, Northwestern University, Ill. Ribs fractured and injured internally. Game with Beloit college at Evanston, Ili., October 9, 1897.

BLAKESLEE, H. J.—Water on the knee. Trinity-Amherst game, October 30, 1897. Was struck while making a tackle.

COSTELLO, RICHARD—November 15, 1896. Duluth, Minn. Spine injured, paralysis ensued.

GALLUP, PERCY—Back wrenched and right side partially paralyzed. Denver A. C.-Butte, Mont., team game, November 7, 1896. Man jumped on him with his kneed. HODGSON, T. M.—Thigh strained. Practice game Denver A. C., October 30, 1897. Muscles were torn apart. May be permanently injured.

HAUGHTON, PERCY—Leg injured in Harvard-Brown game, October 17, 1896. Suffered a long time from right knee. Finfered a long time from right knee. von Gammon, Richard et al. 1897.
Vand-Brown game, October 17, 1896.
Suffered a long time from right knee. Finally diagnosed as containing a broken blood vessel. Used crutches.

Causes of Death.

In the case of Shrue Bowles, who was reaching with his hands for the ball, there was a rush and an opponent kicked him in the right side. The effect of the blow was to render the victim unconscious, and

Severe internal injury. October 30, 1897.
MILLER, JOHN-Breast crushed in. Several ribs torn from breast bone. Practice game. Otterbein university, Westerville, O., November 8, 1897. Several players fell on him. Is in a serious condition. ris fell on him, 28 in a serious condi-tion.

ROSE, FLOYD—Shoulder dislocated, six ligaments torn. Greenburg A. C.-D. C. and A. C. game at Pittsburg, November 6, 1897. Collision in tackle. Can never play again or do any manual labor. SCHULTZ. JAMES—November 26, 1896, Davico. O.; solne fractured. SHAWBAN, THOMAS—October 2, 1375, lowa City. Ia.; two ribs torn loose. lowa City, Ia.; two ribs torn loose.

COMLINSON, SAMUEL S.—Back injured and nose broken. Woodward high school-Maysville A. C. at Maysville, U., November 6, 187. Jumped over tackler and fell. Spine said to be permanently injured.

LOW, TRACY-November 26, 1896. Hercules team, Brooklyn; seriously dislocated shoulder.

WIRTZ, EDWARD-Ankle twisted and tenden torn. Practice game Ohio state university early in October. Ankle will always be weak.

AGAINST FOOTBALL.

ACTION TAKEN BY LEGISLATIVE BODIES ON THE MATTER.

CANNOT BE PLAYED IN GEORGIA

WHAT GOVERNOR JONES, OF AR-KANSAS, HAS TO SAY.

The Question Regarding Its Suppression by Law Is One That Is Being Widely Discussed in America-Agitation Long Ago.

The question of whether football is brutal to an extent that will warrant its suppression by law is one that is being dis cussed and argued from one extreme of the country to the other. It is one that has been brought up again and again within the past few years, and it is likely to keer up.

system. "In my opinion the higher civilization which we profess is entirely inconsistent with the toleration of such a game, and therefore it being expedient to call a meeting of the board of trustees, I deem it my duty to call your attention to this matter and respectfully suggest that you put a stop altogether to the playing of this game by the students of the state university. The best interests of the university, I think, clearly demand this, and I hope you will take this matter at once into serious consideration."

## GOVERNOR LEEDY ON FOOTBALL.

Topeka, Kas., Nov. 20.-(Special.) When asked to-night for his opinion as to the likelihood of the Kansas legas to the likelihood of the Kansas legislature passing an anti-football law
the next time it got together. Governor Leedy remarked that the Supreme Ruler was the only one capable
of venturing an accurate guess as to
what a Kansas legislature would do.
"What do you think of the game as
it is now played?" was asked.
"I never saw a game, and am not in
a position to say."
"You read of them?"
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"You read of them?"

"Not very much. They don't interest me. However, I believe the game is degenerating into a brutal contest."

The governor would not say whether he would advocate a law prohibiting football in his next message to the legislature, providing he calls a special session. He said he had given other subjects consideration in connection with a message but not the football question.

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has been played has a demornlizing effect upon the young people and the old, and I have actually seen young women applaud and howl with delight when they saw an opposing player carried off the field in an unconscious condition or with a bone broken. No game should be ala bone broken. No game should be allowed to exist under those conditions."

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HOLCOMB SAYS CHANGE THE RULES.

GOVERNOR

Gov. Holcomb of Nebraska, in reply to a query from The Journal, writes:

"I believe in outdoor games and health-producing sports for the American people, and, instead of prohibiting the game by law, it seems to me that the objections raised might better be obviated by a revision of the rules so as to eliminate the rougher part of the play and make it more a game of scientific kicking and running. I understand that some progress in this direction has been already made, and hope it may be continued until the danger of accidents has been all but entirely eliminated. Yours very truly, "SILAS A. HOLCOMB."

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The death of young Von Gammon, of th Georgia state university, lead to the passage of a bill prohibiting the game in that

In the past few years, and it is likely to keep up.

Football is, has always been, and always will be, a rough game. Properly played, and devoid of all foul play, it is a game of hard knocks, bruises, strains; a game requiring good physical qualifications, quickness, grit.

Agitation Not New.

That the agitation against the game is not new is shown by the following acts of the Scotch parliament, which were passed in 1457 and 1491:

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with his opponents.

From the Columbus Enquirer.

Action by the legislature which would drive the game from the state would be halled with delight by thousands in Georgia, who believe that the game is too brutal and should be prevented. It does indeed appear to be the aim of the players to make the struggle as fierce and dangerous as possible, and no man can look upon it without the ever present fear that at any moment some luckless fellow may be dragged off the field maimed for life or dead. The state will lose nothing in the loss of the game; and it is better that feotball be forever driven from Georgia than a repetition of the sad incident of yesterday occur. terday occur.

From the Rome Tribune.

The killing of Von Gammon is but another proof of the brutality of football.

The Tribune favors the passage of the bill before the legislature to prohibit such contests in Georgia.

From the Athana Banana published to tests in Georgia.
From the Athens Banner, published in the town of the state university.
The claim is made that athletics have had a great deal to do with the recent progress made in the university of Georgia. That may be true, but from that prosperity that builds itself up on the constant endangering of life and the maiming and killing of young men may the good Lord deliver the University of Georgia. We do not hesitate to say that, unless such inhuman sport is promptly throttled at the university, we will deem it our duty to advise all nareate to any member of the big college teams. The question of modifying the rules has been discussed informally among the many players in the colleges, and it has colleges to the many players in the colleges, and it has colleges to the many players in the colleges, and it has colleges to surprised to see a meeting held at the close of the season, the sentiment of which would be the restriction of certain plays. Of course, there have been many changes made in the rules, but they always been technical and concerned the abolition of accidents to the players.

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university, we will deem it our duty to advise all parents in the state of Georgia to send their sons to colleges where such sport is not encouraged, and in this position the people of Georgia will uphold us. From the Savannah News.

Prize fighting is prohibited in every state in the Union, and is condemned by the whole civilized world, because of its brutelity. Is it more brutal than the game of football has become? We are sure that legislation to prohibit the game in Georgia would meet the approval of a majority of parents who have sons at the state university, and the colleges and other schools.

FOOTBALL EXPERTS ALL AGAINST IT AND BRUTAL TACKLING.

YALE IS OUT FOR REFORM.

STRONG FEELING THAT THE GAME NEEDS SOME CHANGES,

What Some of the Players Say of the Reforms That Will Lessen the Danger-Difficulty Is to Do Away With Danger and Maintain Interest.

Nobody realizes better than the football players that the sport is before the ban of public opinion. The cry of brutality has gone up throughout the land. While not admitting is is justified, some conces-sion will be made to this sentiment. The scrimmage results from the mass play. Therefore, if reform is contemplated, the mass play must be cut out. This will be a reform along logical lines. Four years ago, when Lorin F. Deland invented the flying wedge, that gave Harvard its first victory in years over Yale, the flying mass was generally adopted, and proved a deadly instrument of victory. Yale was successful in having it legislated out of the game.

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formation play, which is nothing more than a mass play that does not get under way until after the ball is put in play. Instead of a running mass, it became a pushing mass. The play gave Princeton the gridiron supremacy.

Yale doesn't like the close formation any more than it does the flying wedge, but they stood alone last summer and could not dictate rules for their opponents. If they were in a position to whip Princeton at their own game, they would be in better position to denounce the new style of game.

Mass plays of any kind mean rough football. The play is rough both in the offensive and defensive character. Into every mass play one or two members of the opposing team must throw themselves like so much dead weight to break up the formation and enable the tacklers to discover the runner. All this is very hard out the players, and very dangerous.

Yale has always clung to the old open style of play, and has won most of her victories by simple but effective plays. The men and the coaches are in favor of open plays to mass formations, but the difficulty of bringing about this legislation is great. The only feasible way seems to be to call a meeting of the captains and coaches of the leading teams and get them to agree on a set of rules.

Such a meeting would develop great diversity of opinion. Harvard, for instance, favors the mass play, claiming that its elimination would rob the game of virility and all chance for tactical advantage.

The New York Heraid has collected opinions from expert players upon the mass plays. Some of these are as follows:

Sheppard Homans, Jr., formerly fullback for Princeton—I am heartily in favor of a more open game. Certainly it is one to be well to go back to tackling about the waist, as this gives the runner a much better chance to keep off a tackler. Again, I think it would be well to allow the quarterback to run with the ball, instead of taking up the time necessary to pass it to a third player. This would open up the game to a great extent, and allow far quicker and safer Bartow S. Weeks, capitain of the New York Athletic Club—"Yes, I would like to see the rules modified. I favor such play as we had in 1879 or 1880, when the English game was first introduced, and, after some minor changes had been made, it was termed American Rugby. It permitted of more open play, passing, kicking, dribbling, etc., and there was practically no chance for accidents such as we read about nowadays with alarming frequency. Cut out the mass plays, which seem to contain all the danger; dispense with dangerous tackling, and let us have football, not the lining up of two teams, the result of whose impact usually kincks out some player for various periods. I'm decidedly in favor of open play and hope to see the question agitated to that end."

James E. Sullivan, president of the Metropolitan Association of the Amateur Athletic Union—"Football is all right. I do not think it is any more dangerous than cycling or other sports. The only objectionable feature of football is the mass play. I believe the rules governing that form of play should be amended so as to prevent a man from being jumped upon after he has secured the ball. I believe in tackling, but I am opposed to five or more players jumping on a player after he has been tackled and thrown."

Coach Moyle, of Brown university, says: "I am in favor of the open play. Ever since I have been at Brown we have stuck to it. We have scored on Yale with the open play, and see no reason why that style should not prevail. I believe that it makes a game more interesting to the average spectator, who becomes tired of

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## Corbett Says Football Is More Brutal Than Prize Fighting. Fitzsimmons Is Opposed to the Game as Now Played.

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